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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

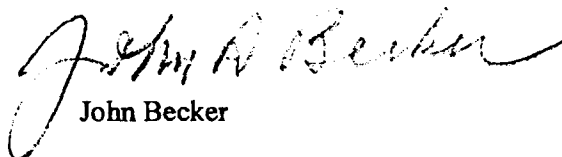
We are strong supporters of Microsoft, and are glad that the Justice Department has settled its three-year antitrust lawsuit against this company. We never agreed with the lawsuit from the beginning, and after more than three years of costly litigation, we hope the case is finally over at the federal level.

Microsoft is a strong company with innovative ideas, and for this it should not be punished. Even so, the company has agreed to share information with its competitors, as well as not to retaliate against those computer makers and software developers that will use this new information to promote non-Microsoft products within the Windows operating system. The business operations of Microsoft will now be watched over by a technical oversight committee, and any company that believes Microsoft is acting in an anti-competitive manner will be able to bring a complaint to this committee. These concessions are sufficient to end this litigation.

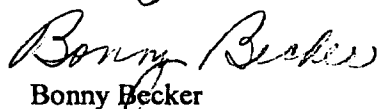
We believe it is in the best interest of America to settle this case. Consumers will benefit, the technology industry will benefit, and continuing on with the case will only be a detriment to the nation's economy. Thank you for deciding to settle, it is the right choice for our country at this time.

cc: Representative F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.

Sincerely,



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